Whole Court Dances to Pipe of Musical Prisoner -Leader Yando Walls Outside for His Bright Red Uniform -Arrest Hurried On by False Tempe.

Bandmaster Louis Conterno of the Fourteenth Regiment Band got a warrant in the West Side police court several months ago for the arrest of Riccardo Toggi, a former clarinetist of his organization, who he declared had threatened him with violence. Toggi could not be found.

Conterno went to the court again yesterday saying that he had received threatening letters from the man, and insisted upon his arrest. Policemen Trojan and Glennan of the court squad were told that Toggi was in town and would parade with an Italian band in Mulberry street several hours latter. Conterno warned the cope that Toggi was wily and would have to be taken by strategy.

The band was readily located at its headquarters in Mulberry street, near Canal, tuning up previous to leading the St. Joseph's Italian pienie procession down to the Roosevelt street ferry. All the nembers were in gaudy red and blue uniforms, and the policemen soon hatched up a scheme with the leader, Giuseppe Yando, by which they were to disguise themselves

A snare drum was given to Trojan and Glennan was fitted out with a drum-major's paraphernalia. It was expected that the man wanted would show up before the band started. However, he failed to appear, and the forward order was given. It was clearly up to the cops to make a bluff at carrying out their parts before the other musicians. Fortunately Trojan could drum a little and boldly started in on an

drum a little and boldly started in on an improvised quickstep.

As the band swung past Canal street Toggi attired in full uniform and with his clarinet, came running up in breathless haste and fell in. Music was passed around for a march and at a given signal from Glennan, who got his cue from Leader Yando, a military air was started. The drum major flourished his baton with great gusto and the other cop drummed for all he was worth.

"That's a rotten new drummer," said

"That's a rotten new drummer," said Toggi in Italian between breaths to a fel-low member. "His tempo is wretched. It's funny the boss would stand for anything so bad." Trojan, looking up just then, saw the Italian eyeing him and thinking that he had discovered the ruse pounced upon

him.

"You're under arrest," he cried.

The bandman resisted and the music broke up in confusion. Glennan attempted broke up in confusion. but the memto go to his pal's assistance, but the mem-hers of the band, despite the leader's ex-

bers of the band, despite the leader's explanation, had jumped onto the men. Some one seeing the row telephoned to Police Headquarters and it was not until the arrival of help from the Mulberry street station that the musicians stopped pummelling the cops. Neither had a chance to show his badge. When the uniformed police arrived they insisted on arresting Glennan and Trojan and only laughed when they tried to explain that they were policemen.

Things were finally explained and the proper man placed under arrest. The cops then went back to the starting place and later took the prisoner around to the West Side police court.

After waiting several hours Conterno did not appear and time began to fall heavily upon the hands of the musician, and in the waiting cage he unlimbered his instrument and started upon a concert. "Can you play 'Bill Simmons'?" asked

"Can you play Bill Simmons?" asked some one.

"If I see him—yes," replied the music man. Accordingly the court cops threw in and a messenger was hastily despatched for the music of the tune. The Italian caught the swing of the song readily and soon every one was prancing around in the court. Several times the cops lined up in front of the Magistrate with their prisoners had to be called down for fancy stepping on the sly.

When 4 o'clock, the hour of closing, was reached the bandmaster still had not put in an appearance, and Magistrate Mayo ordered the prisoner arraigned anyway. He was held in \$300 bail for further examination

Toggi had hardly been taken to his cell when a new trouble fell on him. Bandmaster Yando came along with a delegation to get Toggi's uniform, instrument nd music, which he said were the property

No one around could speak Italian and every minute the band leader in search of his clothing became more excited. The day was saved by the appearance of Joseph Viggino, a clerk in a nearby law office, who explained that, owing to the rules of the prison, Yando would not be allowed to speak

ith the prisoner.
"I've got to get my uniform if I have to break into the prison!" shouted Yando

When the word was carried to Toggi he only smiled and said that if the leader sent him a new suit of clothes he would gladly exchange.

When the court house was locked up for the night the Italian delegation still loitered As Trojan and Glennan passed out.

grinning, one of the lingerers shouted after em:
"You're a fine muzish—you're a damn

FIGHTING BOB HAD THE FACTS. A Higherto Untold Story Shows That He Speaks by the Book.

From Harper's Weekly. The naval review at Oyster Bay, because it was commanded by Admiral Robley D. Evans, perhaps recalls an incident of the Spanish war which has not before been written about. It may be that its recital at this time will help to show how accurate man is this officer, who has suffered some what from a false conception of his char

Admiral Sampson had determined to begin the war by the bombardment of Havana, and on April 4, 1898, Evans, then tain, wrote a letter to the then editor of Harper's Weekly, containing this para-

I shall have the honor of leading in the Iowa, and when we open, at about 800 yards, with Indiana close astern, if those poor chaps from the Maine don't giggle in their coffins is will be a wonder.

This was the pregnant part of the letter. Sampson was forbidden from Washington to attack Havana, much to his disappointment and wrath. To one sitting at a dis-tance, not knowing Evans, and knowing of the proposed bembardment only as a the letter might have seemed a

rumor, the letter might have seemed a bit of bluster. But after a few months chance put the log book of the New York, the flagship, in the way of the recipient of the letter, and there he read Sampson's order for the ombardment of Havana, giving the order the ships and designating the distance

at which the firing should begin, precisely as Evans had stated them in the letter. But why go in to within 800 yards of the new forts, which were much more heavily armed than the ships of Sampson's fleet? Months after reading the log book the recipient of the letter attended a dinner given in honor of Admiral Sampson.

The Admiral made there one of the few precedes of his life, and in it he tall the

speeches of his life, and in it he told the eason—a reason characteristic of keen judgment and of his boldness—for selecting 800 yards. He had found out that a short time before the Spaniards had momentarily awakened from their usual torpor and had practised from the new works, firing at floating targets. They had floated these targets past their guns at

Sampson at once concluded that they supposed that he would attack at that distance and quickly determined to go in at 800 yards, for, he explained, the Spaniards naving once fixed their sights for a target yards away would not be able change them, but would fire over his ships until he had dismounted their heavy pieces with his rapid fire guns. So the chain was completed, for we had the facts and the

RANDOLPH WINS A BRIDE. Weds the Daughter of Capt. Wilson of the Hudson River Military Academy.

NYACK, Sept. 24 .- A sensation was caused in Nyack society to-day by the announcement that Miss Margarette Wilson, the attractive young daughter of Capt. Joel Wilson, owner and manager of the Hudson River Military Academy, was married last Friday to J. Harold Randolph, who last year was instructor in English and military tactics at the academy. It was known to Miss Wilson's friends that she had gone away for a few days, but the fact that she had eloped with Mr. Randolph and been married to him last Friday night was not known here until to-day. The couple were married in Plainfield, N. J.

Randolph and his bride became acquainted two years ago when he was a cadet at the academy. The friendship ripened into love, but the young man was discouraged in his attentions by the parents of Miss Wilson. Following his parents of Miss Wilson. Following his appointment as instructor he renewed his suit, and so emphatic was Capt. Wilson in his refusal to give his consent to a marriage that Randolph resigned and went to Chicago, where he entered the university there. A fortnight ago Randolph returned and clandestinely met Miss Wilson on several occasions, on one of which it was arranged for Miss Wilson to drive to Plainfield, where Randolph's sister resides, and be married at his sister's house. The programme was successfully carried out The programme was successfully carried out and the happy couple are now enjoying

and the happy couple are now enjoying a honeymoon.

The bride is a thorough music ian and clever with the reins of her six-in-hand, which she skilfully guides. She is highly educated and has always been a favorite in Nyack society. Her husband is a graduate of Alfred University and is a native of Alfred, N. Y. He is one of the finest athletes that ever managed the baseball and football teams of the academy and always took an active part in athletic events in this village.

IN COURT ON A STRETCHER. Justice Calls Appearance of Young Woman

"a Theatrical Display." The appearance of a pallid young woman on a stretcher, borne by white coated hospital attendants, with a trained nurse at her side, caused a stir in the Supreme Court at Newark yesterday and led Chief Justice Gummere to make this comment on the

"There doesn't seem to be any need for theatrical display in this matter.

The occupant of the stretcher was Miss Julie A. Eddey of Newark, who was thrown from a trolley car of the North Jersey street railway company on May 25, 1905. Samuel Kalisch, counsel for the plaintiff, assured the court that Miss Eddey had been in a private hospital ever since the accident,

and that it was necessary to produce her on the stretcher, as she otherwise would be unable to appear to prosecute her suit.

From her reclining position on the stretcher Miss Eddey gave her testimony. She said she was a passenger on a Clinton avenue car, and at her signal the car was stopped at Sixteenth street. Before she had a chance to alight, she declared, the conductor signalled for the car to start. She was thrown violently to the ground and sustained permanent injuries to her back and sides.

Dr. L. Eugene Hollister gave testimony in support of the plaintiff. The counsel for the railroad company set up a defence of contributory negligence and tried to show that Miss Eddey was herself responsible for the mishap by deliberately stepping from a moving car. unable to appear to prosecute her suit.

moving car.
The case was continued.

ALL SERENE, SAYS GOMPERS. Didn't Quarrel With Mitchell, Says He,

and Mitchell Concurs. Samuel Gompers, president of the Amer-can Federation of Labor, who, with John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, was in this city yesterday, denied last night that there was any trouble at the meeting of the executive council of the federation between him and Mitchell or any of the other leaders over his political

programme. "There is absolutely no ground for these statements," he said. "The utmost harmony prevailed at the council meeting and Mr. Mitchell and all the other leaders were in full accord with me. There were discussions, of course, and various ex-pressions of opinion, but we were in accord

as to methods and programme."

John Mitchell, who was present, said:
"I can say the same thing. There is no basis for the statement that the council was divided in policy or that I differed with Mr. Compare." with Mr. Gompers.

INJUNCTION FOR COLER.

Borough President Restrained From Interfering With Subway Material.

Supreme Court Justice Dickey in Brooklyn issued an injunction yesterday restraining the borough officials from forcing the removal of machinery and material kept by the Rapid Transit Construction Company from streets approaching those under which the subway construction is

in progress.

President of the Borough Bird S. Coler had taken measures to begin yesterday morning to clean up Furman street and some other streets near Fulton, where there are timbers and tools used in the construction of the tunnel. The subway contractors contend that the Rapid Transit Commission has full authority in the matter. The injunction order is returnable on Thursday.

Rumor That A. J. Cassatt Is Seriously III Denied.

In reference to the reports circulated in Wall Street yesterday that A. J. Cassatt was very ill, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company authorized the following state-

ment:

"Mr. Cassatt is rapidly improving and was out driving on Sunday. As a matter of prudence, his physician advised that he remain away from his office for a few days. The sensational reports circulated on this subject are entirely without foundation in fact."

St. Mary's Boys to Be Graduated. The graduating exercises of the first class of the school ship St. Mary's, which returned two weeks ago from a cruise to Lisbon, Cadiz, Gibraltar and Maderia, will take place on board ship October 4. One take place on board sing October 4. One hundred boys, in three classes, were on the trip, which was in charge of Com-mander G. C. Hanns. The boat now lies at Glen Cove but will be taken to her regular anchorage at the foot of East Twenty-

Woman Thrown From Horse and Killed. CLEVELAND, Sept. 24.-Mrs. Clara C. Marsh was killed while riding a horse at Oberlin, Ohio, this morning. The horse reared and fell on her. Mrs. Marsh was the companion of Miss Florence Story, a sophomore in Oberlin College, who was thrown from her horse and killed yester-

fourth street on Friday.

Wild Geese Saved Potato Crop. Redding correspondence San Francisco

Chronicle. George G. Tugnot, a rancher living near Whitelake, put in a crop of potatoes last spring and came near having all his trouble for nothing, as earthworms attacked the roots and nearly killed all the vines.

Being unable to check the ravages of the worms, Tugnot gave up the fight and went off harvesting. Upon his retarn last week he was surprised to find that his potato crop was in a flourishing condition. All over the ground were tracks of wild geese, and Tugnot attributes the salvation of his potatoes to the destruction of the worms by the geese. spring and came near having all his trouble

TALK ABOUT IMMIGRATION.

CIVIC FEDERATION CAN'T DE-CIDE ON RESTRICTION.

Sub-Committees Will Look Into Affair and Report on the Advisability of Limiting Indux of Foreigners—Labor Objects to Present System as Inimical to Workers

The immigration department of the National Civic Federation held a special meeting yesterday in the Park Avenue Hotel to consider the subject of the desirability of the restriction of immigration in view of the fact that there is a Senate bill providing for restriction of immigration. The immigration department of the federation after investigating the subject thoroughly will make such recommendations as may be thought necessary to the committee which will be in charge of the

Franklin MacVeagh, chairman of the immigration department, presided and about 100 business men, college professors, labor leaders and others attended. Prescott F. Hall, secretary of the National Immigra-tion Restriction League, read portions of the bill and spoke in favor of restriction of immigration.

Nathan Bijur of the United Hebrew Charities said he could see no good reason for changing the policy of the Government as to immigration. He said the country had prospered under the present conditions and the prosperity had been shared by the

and the prosperity had been shared by the wage earners.

After some of the delegates had apoken on restriction of immigration, D. D. Allen of Kentucky took the floor.

"I do not believe," he said, "that we have got to the point where we do not want any further immigration. Labor is at a premium in Kentucky, Alabama and other Southern States. I believe the United States could do with 1,000,000 desirable immigrants a ver."

Southern States. I believe the United States could do with 1,000,000 desirable immigrants a year."

Alabor delegate asked him to define what a desirable immigrant was. He said he meant every able bodied man or woman of good character and intelligence, whether in possession of \$25 or not.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, took exception to the arguments against interfering with the present order of things.

"In spite of what Mr. Bijur says." he said, "there must be something to improve when \$60,000 mine workers in these years of unprecedented business prosperity are permitted to work only 200 days in the year in the collieries when they are willing to work 300 days. How long will they be allowed to work when there is industrial depression? There should be some educational qualification and each immigrant should have enough money to keep him until he finds as profitable work as he can. To take the first work at hand is to take another man's job, as a rule."

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James O'Connell of the International Association of Machinists said that the conditions of labor were gauged by the number of immigrants admitted. Unrestricted immigration, he said, meant the bringing down of wages. He talked of the employment of child labor and women in the factories and mines.

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A woman delegate took him up at this point and asked him where women were employed in mines in this country. He took that part of his statement back and said he had made a mistake.

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In reply to a number of questions Mr.
Bijur said he had no positive opinions on
the question of immigration.

"It is up to the opponents of immigration,"
he continued, "to show that there should
be any change in the present system. In
my opinion this has not been shown. In
spite of the delvelopment of machinery
and increasing immigration wages have
gone on increasing and the condition of the
workers improving. Mr. Mitchell has not
said that the reason for the miners working 200 days in the year was caused by im-

anid that the reason for the miners working 200 days in the year was caused by immigration."

Another speaker said that most of the workers were not immigrants themselves, and also some of the millionaires were descended from immigrants who came have with little or no money.

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No resolutions were proposed, but after the meeting various sub-committees met in executive session and will make reports later. President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor did not take part in the discussion.

MAY SEND YAMS NORTH.

Southern Sweet Potato Growers Think We Might Like Them.

Something like 175 varieties of sweet potatoes may be produced in the South, but for practical considerations there are only half a dozen or less that are commercially important.

These are divided by the Southern Field into two distinct classes: First, the sorts held in favor in the North, which must be yellow, dry, mealy, small to medium in size, and in the opinion of the Southern grower the less good quality they possess the better hey are appreciated. Second, the varieties desired by Southern

consumers, which may be yellow, red or white, medium or large in size, but must be moist, sugary and of rich flavor—qualities directly opposite to those demanded in Northern markets.

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The old pumpkin or yellow yam, the vineless yam and the Red Providence are considered the best for Southern trade. These are good, whether boiled or fried. When baked they come from the oven covered with a browned, sugary coating which has resulted from the arrelation of the overered with a browned, sugary coating which has resulted from the exudation of the overabundance of sugar with which the potato is loaded. They make pies and puddings which are superior to those made from pumpkins or squashes.

People are governed by habit even in eating, and the Northern consumer, having firmly fixed in mind the ideal for the Irish potato—that is a dry, mealy potato—is dis-

potato—that is a dry, mealy potato—is dis-posed to sacrifice quality to make the sweet potato conform to this standard.

While this is true it is also a fact that Northern visitors to the South, many of whom have never had an opportunity to buy in their home markets the varieties so to appreciate their merits when served on the table at Southern hotels and in Southern

This has convinced many growers and handlers of sweet potatoes that some adequate movement should be inaugurated to educate the public at large to the merita and good value of the Southern type of

UNCLE JOE AS A SCHOOLBOY. The Time That He Resolved to Go to

Congress. Plainfield correspondence Indianapolis News "Joe Cannon and I used to sit side by side in the old industrial school at Bloomingdale back in the late '40s. Joe's father, old Dr. Cannon, was a broad brimmed hat and black coated Quaker. Joe's mother wore the Quaker dress and bonnet, and Joe knows how to tall the 'thee and thou' language as well as I do

Exum Newlin, who for more than ten year

has been the bell ringer of the Western Yearly

Meetings, stood with his bell in hand as he

recalled the old days.
"Why, I recollect," he continued, "just as well as though it was yesterday, that one day Joe looked up from his books and said: 'I'm going to Congress.' He wrote it on the blackboard and signed 'Joe Cannon.' It was recess time, and when Barnabas Hobbs, our teacher, called books again he took about five minutes in commending Joe's high resolve and urging all of us boys and girls to

work to high standards. Well, Joe's been

there about thirty-five years. .
"Joe was a good scholar and a bright boy. His father was a grand old type of the early Quakers. He was a physician who went where and when duty called. A call came one night when Sugar Creek was up, and he threw his saddlebags over his horse and started. The swollen Sugar Creek had to be forded. Well, sir, no one ever saw him again. His body was never found. He was one of the six founders of the Bloomingdale

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FIVE OF THE FOREIGN DRIVERS ARRIVE ON LA SAVOIE.

Lancia, Nazzaro and Dr. Wellschott Will Represent Italy in Vanderbilt Cup Race-Duray Will Drive for France and Jenatzy for Germany -- Race Gossip.

Affairs in connection with the Vanderbill cup race were rather quiet yesterday on the Nassau county circuit. Five of the foreign of the Italian team. Duray of the French team and Jenatzy of the German team, arrived on La Savoie. All of them except Duray will be ready to begin practiceson the cleonit with their racing cars to-morrow in the big race on October 6 will be allowed to use their racers on the course. The Fiat racers and the Mercedes which Jenatzy will drive for Robert Graves of New York have been at their quarters near the course for some days, but it is unlikely that Duray's Lorraine-Dietrich can be gotten through the Custom House so that he can use it to-morrow. There were rumors at Garden City that some nambers of the French team would protest Le Rion's Thomas racer on the alleged ground that it had not been constructed entirely in this country. It is asserted that the magneto and the combination gasolene tank and seats were made in France, in spite of the rule that every part of a competing car must be manuotured in the country it represents. man Thompson of the A. A. A. racing board said he had received no such protest. Elliott F. Shepard, who will drive a Hotchkiss racer as a member of the French team, declared he knew nothing about the prospect of any being made against the Thomas machine. There was considerable comment yesterday among those who had seen the rowds along the course on Saturday regarding the inefficiency of the flagmen and deputy sheriffs who were supposed to keep the spec-

The Italian team was the first foreign one to be entered for the Vanderbilt cup race this year and the first one to arrive on the course Fabry and Cagno, the Itala drivers, have been here for some time, and the Fiat trio, Nazzaro, Lancia and Dr. Aldo Weilschott, arrived yesterday. All five members of the team are quartered at Garden City, the Fiat camp being pitched at Porriers, while the Itala men are located across the street from their compatriots. Each driver has come prepared for almost any emergency by sending duplicate racing machines here shead of hem in charge of forces of factory mechanics Of the French team, Elliott F. Shepard and George Heath are now in this country, and both witnessed the American elimination trials on Saturday. Mr. Shepard shipped two Hotohkies racers on a boat that arrived here some time ago. One of them is the car with which he finished fourth on the first day of the Grand Prix of the Automobile Club of France on June 26 last, and the other machine which has been painted since then, is the one which Le Blon drove in the Grand Prix.

Darracq, is expected to arrive at the course

on Thursday morning, when his racer will

probably be waiting for him, as it arrived last week and should be through the Custom

Mr. Heath has also brought two Panhard racers, which will be taken to his quarters at

arrived yesterday on La Savoie, and Albert Clement, who was third in the Grand Prix last June, with a Clement-Bayard, is expected to arrive in this country within the next few days. Foxhall Keene is the only member of the German team who is here at present. He has his Mercedes racer at his home at Cedarhurst. Robert Graves's Mercedes, which will be driven by Janatzy, is at Mineola, and Jenatzy arrived yesterday. Whether or not the third Mercedes, which was entered for the race by C. L. Charley of Paris, will be a starter on October 8 is something of a conundrum. Since its sale to Mr. Vanderbit there has been much speculation as to whether or not he would sell the racer, since he decided not to drive it himself in the contest.

I ancia, Nazzaro and Dr. Aldo Weilschott will drive the three Fiat racers as members of the Italian team in the Venderbilk cup race on October 8. Lancia and Nazzaro drove in the 1905 race for the Vanderbilt race, but this will be Dr. Weilschott's first appearance here as a driver. In the 1905 race for the Vanderbilt cup Lancia made remarkable time for eight rounds and was put out of the race by colliding with Walter Christie when the big Italian was an entire lap of 28.3 miles ahead of the second man. Lancia had stopped to have a punctured tire replaced and the thre men allowed him to drive out into the middle of the road without looking to see if any of the other cars were approaching. Christie was traveling very fast and did his best to avoid striking Lancia's car, and did succeed in clearing it with his front wheel, but his rear wheel struck the Fiat racer a gancing blow that robbed Lancia of a practically certain victory. in clearing it with his front wheel, but his rear wheel struck the Fiat racer a glancing blow that robbed Lancia of a practically certain victory.

This year Lancia finished fifth in the Grand Prix and won the Great Gold Cup touring carcontest of more than 2,000 miles in Italy, which lasted nine days. Lancia has shaved off his black mustache and looks less like an opera singer than he did last year. When he was told yesterday that there were many turns in the course selected for this year's race he said that would make no difference, as he could take them as fast as any one. He said the race would be easier than the Gold Cup contest, because it is so much shorter and the drivers will not be worn out before it is finished. He has a better car than he had last year, but does not expect to be able to use all its power except on a few stretches. He said he hoped there would be better police arrangements this year, as last year the crowds were so close to the road that it is a wonder many persons were not killed. There were many times he could have made better time if he had not been afraid of hurting spectators. He said he lifked Americans and was glad to be here again. Nazzaro is not so dashing a driver as Lancia, but has had better luck the last two years. Last year he finished second to Thery and his Brasier in the Bennett cup race and in the Grand Prix last June was second to Siss, winner of the contest. Nazzaro was third when the second day of the Grand Prix was started, and his successful efforts to wrest second place from Albert Clement furnished the most excitement of the concluding day's racing. Dr. Aldo Wellschott is a very wealthy Italian amateur who races for sport's sake only. The trio of drivers will probably go over the course to-day in touring cars so as to become acquainted with it, as they will be allowed to begin practice to-morrow with their racing machines. Dancing at German Court.

From Tit-Bits.

The German Emperor insists upon good dancing at court, and the arranging of an evening party is one of his favorite pastimes. He is most anxious that the court balls shall be distinguished for their elegance, and exacts that the smallest details shall be care. ully planned beforehand.

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In 1905, which was a normal year, we spent \$500,000,000 for new buildings and burned old ones to the value of \$200,000,000. We paid \$300,000,000 for fighting fire and \$195,000,000 in fire insurance premiums, of which we got back \$95,000,000 from the companies in payment for losses. Hence it cost us more to burn part of our old buildings and protect the rest from burning than it did to put up all our new ones. And

that was in a normal year.
This year is not normal. This year San
Francisco has raised the fire losses of the
United States to \$500,000,000, even if we United States to \$500,000,000, even if we do not let another city burn down between now and next January.

If we should burn up the whole of our bonanza wheat crop we should think the country had suffered a calamity, yet it is doubtful whether that whole crop would pay for the property we actually have burned and are burning this year. Our entire year's gold supply would not pay for a sixth of it. The entire gold production of the world would not come anywhere near paying for it all. near paying for it all.

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Greatest of American Big Game. Ernest Thompson Seton in Scribner's Magazine The buffalo is the bulkiest living land The buffalo is the bulkiest living land animal native to North America. A full grown buffalo bull stands about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches at the shoulder and weighs about 1,800 pounds. But specimens of over 6 feet at the withers have been recorded, and Mr. Hornaday tells me that he weighed a living bull at 2,190 pounds.

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